

Anticipated Acquisition by Patagonia Bidco Limited (Huws Gray) of Certain Businesses Owned by Grafton Group Plc

Notice under section 96(2A) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act) published pursuant to section 107(1)(i) of the Act

The Competition and Markets Authority (**CMA**) hereby gives notice pursuant to section 96(2A) of the Act that the merger notice provided by Patagonia Bidco Limited, the owner of the Huws Gray builders' merchant business (**Huws Gray**) on behalf of Huws Gray and Grafton Group Plc (**Grafton**) in relation to the anticipated acquisition of certain businesses owned by Grafton by Huws Gray (the **Merger**) meets the requirements of section 96(2) of the Act.

The initial period defined in section 34ZA(3) of the Act in relation to the Merger will therefore commence on the first working day after the date of this notice, ie on 11 October 2021. The deadline for the CMA to announce its decision whether to refer the Merger for a Phase 2 investigation is therefore 3 December 2021.